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SUBJECT: PRC MEDIA ON U.S. BASES IN ASIA

1. A SIGNED JULY 24 PEOPLE'S DAILY ARTICLE PROVIDES THE MOST EXPLICIT DEFENSE FOR MAINTENANCE OF US MILITARY BASES IN ASIA THAT WE HAVE NOTICED IN PRC-INITIATED MEDIA REPORTING. PREDICTABLY, THE ARTICLE BASES THIS VIEW ON THE PERCEIVED PRC NEED TO PRECLUDE THE GROWTH OF SOVIET INFLUENCE IN THE REGION.

2. MAKING THE CASE FOR THE US THIS CHINESE REJOINDER, ENTITLED "A CRAB SCOLDS ANOTHER CRAB FOR WALKING SIDEWAYS" AND BROADCAST OVER PEKING RADIO JULY 28 RIDICULES A JULY 13 ARTICLE IN THE SOVIET PUBLICATION KRASNAYA ZVEZDA, WHICH "FEROCIOUSLY ASSAILED THE UNITED STATES FOR MAINTAINING ITS BASES IN ASIA AND PROFUSELY SAITH THAT THE NEW TASK BEFORE THE ASIAN PEOPLE IS TO DO AWAY WITH ALL MILITARY BASES SO FAR AS TO CLEAR UP THE WAY FOR AN ASIAN  
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COLLECTIVE SECURITY SYSTEM".

3. AUTHOR FAN HSIU-TU STATES THAT "US IMPERIALISM HAS FORCIBLY OCCUPIED MANY BASES IN ASIA," AND ADDS THAT "OPPOSED BY PEOPLES OF ALL ASIAN COUNTRIES, HOWEVER, IT CANNOT PAY ATTENTION TO THIS WHILE TAKING CARE OF THAT AND IS THEREFORE IN A SERIOUS PREDICAMENT." IN LINE WITH THE CURRENT PRC LINE THAT THE US SHOULD NOW DEVOTE ITS ENERGIES TO THE MORE IMPORTANT PROBLEM AREAS SUCH AS EUPORE AND THE MIDDLE EAST, HE COMDEMNS THE SOVIETS AS THE "SERIOUS THREAT TO THE PEACE AND SECURITY" OF ASIA, AND IMPLICITLY DISASSOCIATES THE PRC FROM THOSE WHO WOULD SEEK TO PUSH FOR A WITHDRAWL OF US MILITARY IN ASIA AT A TIME WHEN MOSCOW IS INTENSIFYING EFFORTS TO FUTHER ITS INFLUENCE IN THE REGION. TO THOSE BLIND TO THE SOVIET'S ULTERIOR MOTIVE IN CALLING FOR THE WITHDRAWL OF ALL MILITARY FORCES FROM THE REGION, THE AUTHOR DECLARES THAT MOSCOW IS "ATTEMPTING TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE ASIAN PEOPLE'S TENDENCY TO DEMAND THE DISMANTLING OF US MILITARY BASES" IN ORDER TO SECRETLY SNEAK INTO ASIAN AREAS AND SEEK NEW BASES AND SPHERES OF INFLUENCE.

4. BEGIN XGDS: COMMENT: MAO TSE-TUNG AND OTHER PRC LEADERS HAVE REPORTEDLY EXPRESSED SIMILAR VIEWS IN PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS WITH SLA LEADERS BUT THIS CONTRIBUTION TO THE SINO-SOVIET POLEMICAL BATTLE IS THE FIRST TIME THAT WE HAVE NOTED PEKING'S INTREST IN THE MAINTANCE OF US MILITARY BASES IN ASIA CONVEYED TO THE CHINESE PUBLIC IN THIS MANNER. ALTHOUGH NOT YET CARRIED BY NCNA, THE MESSAGE WILL UNDEBOUTDLY ALSO BE NOTED IN MOSCOW, HANOI, PYONGYANG, TAIPEI AND BY OTHER WELL-KNOWN FOLLOWERS OF CHINA'S OFFICIAL MEDIA OUTPUT. END COMMENT. END XGDS-1  
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